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PRODUCTION

Month	Iron ore (a)		Electricity		Gas (c)		Raw steel		Cement		Motor vehicles (d)		Electric motors under 720W		Four weeks ended	Coal (e)	
	'000 tonnes	Lead (b) '000 tonnes	mil. kWh		mil. megajoules		'000 tonnes		'000 tonnes		'000		'000				
			Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.			
1987-88—																	
October			49.4	11,338	11,461	45,493	44,555	524	513	556	503	29.8	26.6	238	195	October 17	15,350
November			40.6	10,861	11,543	39,857	43,346	479	496	525	504	29.8	27.2	213	186	November 14	15,484
December		26,225	30.6	10,985	11,632	37,958	43,252	445	453	532	525	25.1	27.3	198	194	December 12	15,247
January			29.7	10,927	11,728	35,567	43,345	406	414	362	530	6.9	23.2	89	189	January 9	4,267
February			41.4	10,790	11,517	37,696	43,440	475	510	509	507	25.2	25.9	197	198	February 6	12,940
March		24,283	44.9	11,425	11,479	42,214	44,379	589	584	545	519	31.3	27.3	215	199	March 5	13,209
April			35.5	10,788	11,544	39,137	43,298	495	529	499	514	24.0	28.0	180	215	April 2	14,876
May			37.0	11,772	11,443	47,062	43,527	484	474	537	521	28.5	28.5	213	238	April 30	12,605
June		25,671	38.7	12,104	11,182	50,610	44,303	536	532	586	584	28.3	26.1	228	221	May 28	14,863
1988-89—																	
July			42.4	12,634	11,033	54,780	44,128	555	521	556	532	26.0	22.9	217	207	June 25	10,111
August			41.7	12,758	11,633	54,649	47,094	565	532	603	591	31.4	26.4	245	220	July 23	12,073
September		24,665	41.2	11,829	11,808	48,683	45,376	564	536	609	576	30.8	27.2	256	215	August 20	17,029
October			40.8	11,934	12,145	43,176	42,230	566	571	584	541	30.1	28.2	206	180	September 17	16,331
November			40.5	11,642	12,295	40,833	43,866	569	587	615	581	34.1	29.8	237	194	October 15	n.y.a.
December		n.y.a.	n.y.a.	11,726	12,452	40,160	47,371	589	596	594	582	23.8	27.0	201	205	November 12	n.y.a.

(a) Gross mine output. Source: Bureau of Mineral Resources, Geology and Geophysics (B.M.R.). (b) Metallic contents of mine products. Source: B.M.R. (c) Available for issue through mains; includes natural gas. (d) Includes vehicles which are disposed of by the manufacturer in a partly finished state. (e) Excludes lignite.

PRODUCTION—continued

Month	Cotton woven cloth (incl. towelling) ' 000 sq m		Woolen and worsted woven cloth (incl. blanketing) ' 000 sq m		Man-made fibre cloth ' 000 sq m		Price index manufac- turing division(b) (Base year 1968-69 = 100.0)	Meat ' 000 tonnes		Whole milk intake by factories(c) mil. litres		Brokers and dealers receipts of taxable wool		Boot value at end of quarter \$ m	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Total receipts tonnes	% of total received by brokers(d)	Original	Seas. adj.
1987-88—															
October	4,061	3,515	1,008	899	14,709	12,876	483.0	234	222	797	514	122,625	77.8		
November	3,387	3,434	966	871	14,312	13,382	486.8	214	216	751	512	104,645	77.5		
December	2,582	3,371	775	929	13,063	15,470	489.6	198	209	696	516	95,883	76.8	47,161	47,288
January	781	2,818	448	769	3,673	12,454	494.3	181	211	603	507	37,835	80.5		
February	3,324	3,298	994	885	15,279	14,096	498.4	215	219	470	518	58,723	79.0		
March	3,465	3,078	1,069	868	15,394	13,619	501.3	235	209	398	500	60,248	79.0	48,189	48,07
April	3,324	3,358	772	840	13,159	13,697	504.2	182	191	723	506	40,939	79.8		
May	3,305	3,016	833	817	14,793	14,154	507.0	187	182	307	513	38,865	84.0		
June	3,396	3,037	827	823	16,122	13,382	507.8	185	178	290	508	34,429	85.7	48,119	48,299
1988-89—															
July	3,869	3,171	878	905	15,921	14,565	509.6	166	165	341	501	55,547	86.7		
August	3,568	3,197	932	852	17,379	15,327	513.8	200	195	494	512	106,073	85.2		
September	3,635	3,461	844	830	17,091	15,508	517.2	213	211	674	524	121,562	85.6	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
October	3,045	3,003	894	854	15,624	14,506	519.7	197	192	786	507	131,580	85.0		
November	3,032	2,997	929	729	18,369	16,720	n.y.a.	217	205	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
December	2,469	3,019	685	892	n.y.a.	16,197	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.

(a) Owned by private enterprise in Australia. See publication 56290. (b) This index is on a 'net division' basis and relates in concept only to articles which are produced in the Manufacturing Division of ASIC (Division C) for sale or transfer outside the Division or for use as capital equipment. (c) Source: Australian Dairy Corporation. (d) Member of the National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia.

FOREIGN TRADE

Month	Value of total exports (a) \$m	Value of total imports (a) \$m	Values at average 1984-85 prices \$m		Export price index All groups (Base year 1974-75 = 100.0)	Import price index All groups (Base year 1981-82 = 100.0)	Balance of Payments— current transactions \$m		Official reserve assets (b) \$m
			Exports f.o.b.	Imports f.o.b.			Balance on goods and services	Balance on current account	
Seas. adj.	Seas. adj.	1974-75 = 100.0	1981-82 = 100.0						
1987-88—									
October	3,303	3,302			253		-502	-1,356	19,858
November	3,351	3,518			258		-343	-888	17,607
December	3,856	3,594	8,971	-8,304	264	164.6	23	-703	17,430
January	3,508	2,926			268		317	-551	17,169
February	3,651	3,590			272		-157	-1,035	16,869
March	3,596	3,749	9,375	-8,625	278	165.5	-398	-1,267	17,331
April	3,597	3,097			280		276	-535	18,564
May	3,463	3,656			283		-418	-1,358	19,457
June	3,454	3,323	8,440	-8,523	282	159.6	-134	-941	20,182
1988-89—									
July	3,160	3,633			280		-809	-1,556	20,226
August	3,520	3,822			279		-663	-1,386	20,176
September	3,410	3,268	8,340	-9,150	280	152.5	-381	-1,084	20,628
October	3,443	3,775			p277		-947	-1,740	20,118
November	3,579	3,296			p276		-793	-1,540	19,499
December	n.y.a.	p3,272	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	-160	-941	19,772

(a) Non-merchandise trade is excluded from export and import statistics. (b) Gold is valued at the average London gold price for the month converted to \$A at the market rate of exchange applying on the last day of the month.

RETAIL TRADE

Retail sales of goods (excluding motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc.) (\$m)

Month	Total		Average 1984-85 prices		Grocers, confectioners, tobacconists		Department stores		New motor cars and station wagons registered '000		Other new motor vehicles registered (b) '000	
	Current prices		Original		Original		Original		Original		Original	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Trend estimate	Original	Trend estimate	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1987-88—												
September	5,585	5,776	5,776	13,683	14,196	1,531	1,576	657	709	34.0	32.1	6.7
October	5,917	5,797	5,804			1,628	1,585	692	712	31.8	31.8	7.1
November	5,879	5,823	5,833			1,578	1,595	728	718	29.0	30.2	6.4
December	8,099	5,868	5,859	16,092	14,183	1,894	1,604	1,426	723	37.0	35.1	7.6
January	5,545	5,867	5,889			1,565	1,612	615	728	24.9	31.3	4.8
February	5,378	5,893	5,925			1,546	1,621	539	731	28.8	30.9	6.7
March	5,929	5,671	5,960	13,466	14,236	1,694	1,629	666	732	35.0	30.7	7.8
April	5,713	5,977	5,994			1,623	1,635	703	732	29.7	33.2	7.0
May	5,888	5,874	6,030			1,594	1,643	727	732	35.5	33.8	8.8
June	5,870	6,220	6,070	13,623	14,100	1,609	1,654	710	734	36.8	33.5	9.6
1988-89—												
July	5,848	6,112	6,117			1,610	1,668	673	739	32.3	32.8	7.9
August	5,878	6,071	6,164			1,654	1,684	640	747	37.1	33.7	9.1
September	6,101	6,250	6,209			1,706	1,701	711	758	40.5	39.1	9.7
October	6,187	6,311	6,249	13,612	14,060	1,706	1,717	769	769	38.2	36.4	10.1
November	6,508	6,240	6,281			1,759	1,731	856	781	p42.2	p40.8	p10.8

(a) Series based on 1985-86 Retail Census, excludes Northern Territory, but includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Comprises light commercial type vehicles, trucks, other truck type vehicles and buses.

WAGES, OVERTIME AND RETAIL PRICES

Month	Average weekly earnings of employees (\$)		Average weekly ordinary time earnings, full-time adult persons (\$)	Index of minimum award rates of pay, full-time adult persons June 1985 = 100	Average weekly overtime hours per employee	Consumer price index, weighted average of eight capital cities (Base of each Index : Year 1980-81 = 100.0 unless otherwise stated)								
	All males	All females				All groups	Food	Clothing	Housing	Household equipment and operation	Transportation	Tobacco and alcohol	Health and personal care	Recreation and educational(a)
1987-88—				110.2		170.0	160.2	159.1	172.3	168.8	181.9	192.6	163.7	148.7
September				110.4										
October	470.00	306.50	450.10	110.6	1.46									
November				111.3		172.9	162.2	163.8	174.4	171.4	186.7	195.9	168.4	149.5
December				111.4										
January	474.90	315.30	458.80	113.8	1.34									
February				113.7		176.0	165.0	163.9	177.2	173.4	188.6	199.8	176.2	155.3
March				113.8										
April	481.70	316.40	464.80	113.9	1.38									
May				114.0		179.0	170.4	170.1	180.8	176.1	188.2	203.0	179.2	156.9
June														
1988-89—														
July				114.2										
August	486.20	319.60	470.90	114.3	1.33									
September				116.4		182.4	175.1	170.8	188.0	179.0	191.1	205.6	180.6	158.1
October				116.6										
November				n.y.a.	1.48									

(a) Base of index series: March Quarter 1982 = 100.0.

BUILDING AND NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Month	Price indexes(a)																Private new capital expenditure(b) \$ m			
	Building approvals \$ m		Building approvals dwellings '000 units		Government building approved \$ m	Building commenced, total \$ m		Dwellings commenced '000 units		Materials used in house building (Base year 1985-86 = 100.0)	Materials used in building other than house building (Base year 1979-80 = 100.0)	Buildings and structures		Equipment, plant and machinery						
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.			Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.			
1987-88—	1,615.2	1,618.0	11.6	11.0	226.4	4,844.3	4,596.8	31.0	29.4	110.2	189.8	1,962	1,988	3,497	3,552					
September	1,818.7	1,759.8	12.1	11.5	228.0					110.8	191.7									
October	1,778.4	1,676.2	12.6	12.1	167.9					112.0	194.3									
November	1,727.1	1,740.8	11.8	12.0	262.8	5,061.0	5,015.1	33.4	32.7	112.9	196.2	2,396	2,080	4,168	3,965					
December	1,462.0	1,917.5	10.2	12.4	170.3					113.8	198.5									
January	1,919.4	2,100.3	12.8	12.4	256.3					114.7	199.4									
February	1,825.1	1,687.1	14.5	13.2	209.2	5,374.2	5,820.3	33.3	35.9	116.1	200.9	1,829	2,146	3,543	4,016					
March	1,878.6	2,028.6	12.6	13.9	212.1					117.4	202.6									
April	2,562.3	2,367.9	15.3	14.1	457.2					118.8	204.8									
May	2,182.2	2,026.5	16.0	14.9	355.0	6,014.2	5,930.8	38.2	38.3	119.7	206.2	2,405	2,390	4,345	4,905					
June																				
1988-89—																				
July	2,272.1	2,409.1	15.0	15.2	160.5					p120.5	p207.0									
August	2,313.1	1,938.5	17.9	16.6	218.9					p121.5	p208.1									
September	2,336.4	2,340.7	16.9	16.7	190.7	6,887.7	5,629.1	45.1	42.8	p122.4	p209.2	2,311	2,334	3,695	3,760					
October	2,095.5	2,100.7	15.5	15.3	203.1					p123.6	p211.3									
November	2,491.3	2,267.3	17.3	15.5	216.4					n.y.a.	n.y.a.									

(a) Weighted average six State capital cities. (b) Includes enterprises classified to agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, community services and construction.

FINANCE

FINANCE											
Month	Savings banks— depositors' balances (a)		Major trading banks (b)				Housing finance for owner occupation secured commitments to individuals (c)			Common- wealth bond yield short dated (e) per cent	Taxation revenue Commonwealth and State consolidated revenue funds \$m
	\$m		Deposits \$m		Advances \$m		Banks \$m	Permanent building societies \$m	Other lenders (d) \$m		
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.					
1987-88—											
October	55,334	55,102	46,926	47,023	47,491	47,197	1,155	326	80	13.00	5,644
November	55,969	56,083	47,567	48,785	47,574	47,827	1,162	294	76	12.35	6,735
December	57,495	57,039	47,873	47,587	48,614	48,376	1,345	257	72	11.45	7,485
January	56,910	57,763	47,120	47,452	47,729	48,008	850	175	61	11.35	6,494
February	57,485	58,486	46,638	47,002	47,320	47,881	1,331	288	79	11.55	6,730
March	57,599	58,818	47,608	46,826	47,704	47,822	1,771	390	96	10.85	8,596
April	58,799	59,134	47,544	46,695	47,743	46,933	1,324	322	82	10.90	9,496
May	60,150	60,124	47,026	47,239	47,526	47,159	1,610	421	101	12.30	9,988
June	61,756	61,142	48,938	48,660	48,831	48,945	1,926	405	100	11.70	8,367
1988-89—											
July	63,240	62,263	48,943	48,896	48,998	48,657	1,458	339	82	12.05	6,717
August	64,581	63,650	48,354	49,062	49,734	50,054	1,682	322	96	12.30	8,069
September	65,277	64,754	49,151	49,626	50,720	51,188	1,458	336	88	12.90	6,846
October	64,818	64,548	52,001	52,119	52,834	52,506	1,475	300	93	13.05	n.y.a.
November	65,711	65,853	53,430	53,516	53,660	53,976	1,904	333	99	13.30	n.y.a.
December	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	55,657	55,368	54,365	54,084	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	13.85	n.y.a.

(a) Excludes external territories. (b) Includes external territories. (c) Excludes loans for alterations and additions. (d) Includes terminating building societies, finance companies, credit unions, insurance companies and government instrumentalities. (e) This series is based on non-rebate bonds.

NATIONAL ACCOUNTS
(\$ million)

Quarter	Gross domestic product		Gross farm product		Gross non-farm product		Final consumption expenditure				Gross fixed capital expenditure			
							Private		Government		Private		Public	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
AT CURRENT PRICES														
1986-87— June qtr	66,640	68,747	1,722	2,731	64,918	66,016	39,165	39,798	13,352	12,526	11,685	11,344	5,861	4,919
1987-88— September qtr	70,455	69,885	2,438	2,789	68,017	67,096	41,038	41,240	12,271	12,714	11,994	11,851	4,199	4,623
December qtr	76,997	71,780	5,030	2,960	71,967	68,820	44,496	41,896	12,277	12,811	13,295	12,621	4,935	4,861
March qtr	71,027	74,206	2,530	3,440	68,497	70,766	41,466	43,035	12,364	13,246	12,322	13,581	3,960	4,568
June qtr	73,857	76,770	2,070	3,124	71,787	73,646	43,058	43,754	14,502	13,618	14,954	14,574	4,988	4,046
1988-89— September qtr	79,675	78,948	3,011	3,586	76,664	75,362	44,594	44,780	13,952	14,483	14,838	14,637	3,810	4,210
AT AVERAGE 1984-85 PRICES														
1986-87— June qtr	56,373	58,135	1,434	2,422	54,939	55,713	32,422	32,912	11,707	10,910	9,310	9,044	4,915	4,125
1987-88— September qtr	58,005	58,092	1,786	2,298	56,219	55,794	33,379	33,497	10,395	10,837	9,426	9,315	3,468	3,820
December qtr	63,322	58,641	4,342	2,389	58,980	56,252	35,604	33,585	11,289	10,857	10,115	9,789	3,983	3,924
March qtr	56,528	58,936	1,837	2,516	54,691	56,420	32,641	33,898	10,261	11,046	9,466	10,439	3,137	3,621
June qtr	57,526	59,566	1,468	2,226	56,058	57,340	33,323	33,824	12,032	11,222	11,255	10,948	3,924	3,178
1988-89— September qtr	59,751	59,763	1,765	2,377	57,986	57,386	33,930	34,023	11,363	11,869	10,917	10,767	2,979	3,291

AT CURRENT PRICES—continued

Quarter	Imports of goods and services		Exports of goods and services		Wages, salaries and supplements		Gross operating surplus of trading enterprises				Household income (original)			
							Companies		Other		Wages, salaries and supplements	Total household income	Less direct taxes, etc. (a)	Household disposable income
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.				
1986-87— June qtr	11,830	11,942	11,107	10,887	34,570	34,293	9,392	9,819	14,674	16,814	34,566	56,274	15,885	40,349
1987-88— September qtr	12,606	11,904	10,900	11,072	35,035	35,039	10,033	9,690	17,435	16,864	35,038	55,770	9,686	46,084
December qtr	13,196	13,111	12,374	12,158	37,261	35,834	11,396	10,489	19,878	16,913	37,245	61,650	10,991	50,659
March qtr	13,114	13,883	12,876	13,273	35,887	36,820	9,996	10,830	16,439	18,125	35,866	55,991	12,002	43,989
June qtr	12,879	13,015	12,603	12,384	37,499	37,809	11,087	11,602	16,450	18,688	37,484	59,996	15,894	44,102
1988-89— September qtr	14,078	13,301	12,225	12,431	38,491	38,281	12,660	12,235	19,989	19,528	38,477	61,005	12,192	48,813

(a) Direct taxes deducted are those paid by persons to general government. These include income tax paid and estate and gift duties, all other direct taxes, fees for service of a regulatory character and fines and gifts paid. Also deducted here are consumer debt interest and transfers to overseas.

**SURVEY
OF JOB
VACANCIES
(b)**

LABOUR FORCE(a)

Month	Employed ('000 persons)				Unemployed ('000 persons)				Unemployment rate (per cent)		Participation rate (per cent)		Number of job vacancies ('000)
	Full-time workers		Total		Looking for full-time work		Total		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.					
1987—													
October	5,751.0	5,755.7	7,156.1	7,145.2	475.6	514.6	585.2	632.2	7.6	8.1	61.7	62.0	52.2
November	5,705.6	5,708.7	7,159.9	7,125.3	469.6	508.7	566.5	617.9	7.3	8.0	61.5	61.6	
December	5,872.2	5,794.4	7,307.9	7,218.8	506.7	501.6	619.6	611.8	7.8	7.8	63.0	62.2	
1988—													
January	5,825.0	5,832.3	7,145.3	7,296.0	541.9	499.6	645.2	614.1	8.3	7.8	61.8	62.8	61.8
February	5,845.6	5,833.6	7,219.1	7,261.7	519.8	466.6	642.8	583.7	8.2	7.4	62.3	62.2	
March	5,884.5	5,859.2	7,366.1	7,310.8	493.0	467.5	642.3	588.3	8.0	7.4	63.3	62.5	
April	5,874.6	5,891.9	7,353.5	7,342.4	491.4	490.1	642.8	628.5	8.0	7.9	63.1	62.9	58.5
May	5,854.3	5,871.6	7,326.1	7,318.7	468.6	469.6	591.9	592.5	7.5	7.5	62.4	62.3	
June	5,862.9	5,892.7	7,351.6	7,354.5	459.3	471.2	568.5	584.8	7.2	7.4	62.3	62.5	
July	5,913.4	5,902.0	7,357.7	7,345.0	442.2	446.2	519.3	540.6	6.6	6.9	61.8	61.9	65.8
August	5,856.0	5,917.8	7,330.1	7,396.2	444.9	457.6	538.8	559.5	6.8	7.0	61.7	62.4	
September	5,962.7	5,949.9	7,480.2	7,442.6	439.2	450.1	554.5	558.5	6.9	7.0	62.9	62.6	
October	5,962.7	5,949.9	7,480.2	7,442.6	439.2	450.1	554.5	558.5	6.9	7.0	62.9	62.6	66.7
November	5,998.9	6,003.8	7,455.9	7,445.1	406.5	439.3	508.0	548.1	6.4	6.9	62.2	62.2	
December	5,976.9	5,980.1	7,488.8	7,453.0	391.7	424.2	488.6	533.4	6.1	6.7	62.2	62.2	
	6,087.4	6,006.6	7,603.2	7,510.4	442.5	440.3	562.9	558.4	6.9	6.9	63.5	62.8	

(a) Estimator derived from the labour force survey part of monthly population survey, which is based on a sample of dwellings and covers about three-fifths of one per cent of the population of Australia. For further information see *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0). (b) Estimates derived from a survey of private sector employers and government agencies. For further information see *Job Vacancies, Australia* (6231.0).

EMPLOYED WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, STATES AND TERRITORIES(a)
(^{'000 persons})

Month	Australia														Total Public and Private
	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Private	Common- wealth	Public				
											State(b)	Local	Total		
1987—															
April	1,979.8	1,589.5	817.6	476.8	522.5	154.7	55.4	122.1	3,979.1	441.8	1,144.1	153.7	1,739.4	5,718.5	
May	1,989.6	1,604.0	822.4	477.5	525.1	155.9	56.0	123.4	4,003.8	442.2	1,152.8	155.4	1,750.2	5,754.0	
June	1,991.7	1,596.7	822.2	477.7	525.3	154.2	56.8	122.7	3,989.7	442.6	1,158.8	156.7	1,757.9	5,747.5	
July	2,002.3	1,626.9	821.2	485.1	524.5	153.4	55.4	121.6	4,002.4	502.4	1,130.6	154.9	1,788.0	5,790.3	
August	2,002.6	1,619.4	818.0	483.4	524.0	152.2	55.0	122.2	4,034.1	436.5	1,149.6	156.7	1,742.8	5,776.9	
September	2,009.0	1,623.3	819.3	483.3	523.0	151.3	54.7	122.3	4,039.8	433.4	1,156.0	157.0	1,746.4	5,786.2	
October	2,035.0	1,629.1	830.5	479.9	521.4	150.4	53.3	123.2	4,085.1	432.1	1,147.5	157.2	1,756.8	5,821.9	
November	2,059.7	1,639.7	837.6	484.9	528.1	151.5	52.5	125.3	4,140.3	432.2	1,149.0	157.9	1,759.1	5,879.3	
December	2,065.8	1,649.2	833.2	484.9	529.1	153.1	51.4	125.0	4,161.0	432.6	1,140.0	157.9	1,730.5	5,891.6	
1988—															
January	2,042.1	1,610.9	806.8	483.4	504.5	148.0	50.3	121.4	4,097.3	428.5	1,087.3	154.2	1,670.0	5,767.4	
February	2,090.0	1,642.5	818.8	491.7	516.8	149.6	49.8	125.1	4,177.8	432.1	1,118.3	156.2	1,706.7	5,884.4	
March	2,093.7	1,656.1	828.7	494.7	522.7	150.6	50.7	126.2	4,193.2	432.8	1,141.1	156.2	1,730.0	5,923.2	
April	2,099.0	1,640.6	829.0	491.0	518.7	148.7	52.0	125.0	4,169.9	430.4	1,148.7	155.0	1,734.0	5,903.9	
May	2,115.6	1,652.4	843.1	492.7	521.8	149.5	53.0	126.4	4,209.9	432.9	1,155.9	155.7	1,744.6	5,954.5	
June	2,109.1	1,646.3	842.2	491.2	520.8	148.6	54.1	126.4	4,198.9	431.7	1,152.6	155.5	1,739.8	5,938.7	

(a) Results of sample survey of approximately 15,000 private employers selected from the ABS register of businesses. Data from all Public Sector Employers are collected. For further details see *Employed Wage and Salary Earners, Australia* (6248.0). Excludes wage and salary earners in the private sector employed in agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting, private households and members of the permanent defence force. (b) Includes the Northern Territory Government.

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